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Prof. David Ritchie of Hebrew University does not know what a conspiracy is, political scientist that he is, when he says as quoted in your November 30 issue:

"Prof. Ritchie doesn't believe in conspiracy theories, 'because I'm used to making up my mind on the basis of hard facts, and even 33 years later there are no hard facts to back up the [sic] JFK conspiracy theory. But I simply don't buy the scenario that (Lee Harvey) Oswald got off three shots from that $25 rifle he had picked up and have killed Kennedy alone from that distance.'"

If one man could not have done the job, then on that basis alone there was a conspiracy.

Aside from this and more that it wrong with what Ritchie says, the rifle did not cost $25 and distance was not a factor. Time was.

It is clear that Ritchie, despite what he says, did make his mind up not "on the basis of hard facts," which have been available since 1965 and of which he has kept himself in ignorance.

My nine books on the JFK assassination and its investigations are based entirely on the official evidence that was ignored or merely lied about. The first of the Whitewash series was published in 1965. In all those years and after all those books I have yet to get a letter or a call from any of those of whom I was so critical complaining that I'd been unfair to him or written about him inaccurately. Those books have always been and still are freely available to those, political scientists included, who give a damn about fact, care enough to learn before making fools of themselves and deceiving the people even more.

That was a crime that turned the world around. There is no country in which it should be addrssed without the utmost care and factuality.

Please excuse my typing. I' m 83 and unwell and it can't be any better. FYI, I sued the government a dozen or more times under the Freedom of Information Act, got about a third of a million pages of records that had been withheld, and they will be a permanent public archive at local Hood College. They have always been freely available to all writing in the field most of whom write what I do not agree with. In one of those lawsuits the government told the court that I knew more about the JFK assassination and its investigations than anyone working for the FBI. The fact is there. The pontificating professors are not.

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